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Document Control Branch

Transfer of EDC Library Material

To the best of my knowledge and from a careful check of the existing records in Documents Control Branch, the implementation of the joint Army and Navy program forwarding non-intelligence Japanese captured documents to the Library of Congress by former PACMIRS and Washington Document Center and now followed by FDD was effected by informal arrangements. The joint Army and Navy policy resulted from:

- (1) The Report of the Japanese Document Conference of December 1944 for appropriate disposition of non-military documents.
- (2) The Joint ad hoc Army and Navy Committee of 1945 which recommended that Japanese documents of cultural interest be forwarded to the Library of Congress.
- (3) The attached "Report on Washington Document Center Library Project," dated 20 May 1946.

Following a check with Chief, Reference Section, I find that for the period 1946 through 1949, some 500,000 Japanese documents were dispatched to the Orientalia Division of the Library of Congress. Screening and Reference Section has kept files on all the Japanese documents so forwarded.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Assistant Director, OCD
FROM: Acting Chief, FDD
SUBJECT: Transfer of WDC Library Material

1. The records of Foreign Documents Division indicate that the transfer of Japanese documents to the Library of Congress after appropriate screening at Foreign Documents Division is an extension of the joint Army and Navy policy set up immediately after the fall of Japan for the operation of former Washington Document Center.

2. Available records further indicate that the implementation of this policy with Library of Congress was carried out informally by Col. R. L. Hopkins of former MIS, Army after concurrence by a joint Army and Navy ad hoc committee which recommended that Japanese documents of cultural interest be forwarded to the Library of Congress. This was in keeping with the recommendations of the Japanese Document Conference held in 1944 and 1945 for appropriate disposition of non-military Japanese documents.

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